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#### 7. Beech Fork Processing, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2001-007-C]

Beech Fork Processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its No. 3 Mine (I.D. No. 15-18170) located in Martin County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a permanently installed spring-loaded device on mobile battery-powered equipment instead of using padlocks, to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles and to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 8. Beech Fork Processing, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2001-008-C]

Beech Fork Processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 15-18128) located in Martin County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a permanently installed spring-loaded device on mobile battery-powered equipment instead of using padlocks, to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles and to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same

measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 9. Eagle Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2001-009-C]

Eagle Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 399, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its No. 7 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17696) located in Johnson County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a permanently installed spring-loaded device on mobile battery-powered equipment instead of using padlocks, to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles and to eliminate the hazards associated with difficult removal of padlocks during emergency situations. The petitioner asserts that application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 10. RAG Emerald Resources, LP

[Docket No. M-2001-010-C]

RAG Emerald Resources, LP, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1410 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360(b)(10) (preshift examination) to its Emerald Mine (I.D. No. 36-05466) located in Greene County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit examinations to be conducted immediately before work commences in certain areas where work is scheduled before the preshift examination starts. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 11. C.W. Mining Company

[Docket No. M-2001-011-C]

C.W. Mining Company, P.O. Box 1245, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.701 (grounding metallic frames, casings, and other enclosures of electric equipment) to its Bear Canyon #1 Mine (I.D. No. 42-01697), Bear Canyon Mine #2 (I.D. No. 42-02095), and Bear Canyon Mine #3 (I.D. No. 42-02263) all located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner proposes to use a 480-volt, wye connected, (275 KW/356 KVA) diesel-powered generator for utility power and to move electrically powered mining equipment in and

around the mine. The generator, serial number is I3379E, 480-volt output would be connected through a 285-KVA step-up transformer to develop 995-volts. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 12. C.W. Mining Company

[Docket No. M-2001-012-C]

C.W. Mining Company, P.O. Box 300, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.901 (protection of low-and medium-voltage three-phase circuits used underground) to its Bear Canyon #1 Mine (I.D. No. 42-01697), Bear Canyon #2 Mine (I.D. No. 42-02095), and Bear Canyon #3 Mine (I.D. No. 42-02263) all located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner proposes to use a 480-volt, wye connected, (275KW/356 KVA) diesel-powered generator for utility power and to move electrically powered mining equipment in and around the mine. The generator, serial number is I3379E, 480-volt output would be connected through a 285-KVA step-up transformer to develop 995-volts. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### Request for Comments

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Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 27th day of March 2001.

David L. Meyer,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of existing safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

**1. Newtown Energy, Inc.**

[Docket No. M-2000-158-C]

Newtown Energy, Inc., 13905 MacCorkle Avenue, One Carbon Center, Suite 200, Chesapeake, West Virginia 25315 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (air course and belt haulage entries) to its Eagle Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 46-08759) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of belt air to ventilate active working places. The petitioner proposes to install a low-level carbon monoxide monitoring system as an early warning fire-detection system in all belt entries used to course air to a working place. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

**2. G & P Contractors, Inc.**

[Docket No. M-2000-159-C]

G & P Contractors, Inc., Rt. 1 Box 419-A1, Gray, Kentucky 40634 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(f)(4)(I) (escapeways; bituminous and lignite mines) to its Powers Branch Mine (I.D. No. 15-18276) located in Whitley County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use two ten-pound portable chemical fire extinguishers on each Mescher Jeep. The fire extinguishers would be readily accessible to the equipment operator. The petitioner proposes to instruct the equipment operator to inspect each fire extinguisher daily before entering the mine, replace all defective fire extinguishers before entering the mine, and maintain records of all inspections of the fire extinguishers. The petitioner asserts that because of the low, 24-inch height of the coal seam, available fire suppression systems will not fit on the equipment being used at the mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

**3. G & P Contractors, Inc.**

[Docket No. M-2000-160-C]

G & P Contractors, Inc., Rt. 1 Box 419-A1, Gray, Kentucky 40634 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.342 (methane monitors) to its Powers Branch Mine (I.D. No. 15-018276) located in Whitley County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use hand-held, continuous-duty methane and oxygen indicators instead of machine-mounted methane monitors on three-wheel tractors with drag bottom buckets. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method

would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

**4. Rosebud Mining Company**

[Docket No. M-2000-161-C]

Rosebud Mining Company, R.D. #9, Box 379A, Kittanning, Pennsylvania 16201 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e)(2) (quantity and location of firefighting equipment) to its Clementine Mine (I.D. No. 36-08862) located in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use two (2) fire extinguishers or one fire extinguisher of twice the required capacity at all temporary electrical installations instead of using 240 pounds of rock dust. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

**5. PennAmerican Coal, L.P.**

[Docket No. M-2000-162-C]

PennAmerican Coal, L.P., RD #1, Box 119, Avonmore, Pennsylvania 15618 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.350 (air courses and belt-haulage entries) to its Burrell Mine (I.D. No. 36-08525) located in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit air ventilating the belt entry and associated entries in common with the belt to be used to ventilate a working section or sections. The petitioner proposes to install a carbon monoxide monitoring system in all belt entries in which air coursed through the belt entry is used to ventilate active working places. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

**6. T.J.S. Mining, Inc.**

[Docket No. M-2000-163-C]

T.J.S. Mining, Inc., R.D. #1, Box 260-D, Shelocta, Pennsylvania 15774 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e)(2) (quantity and location of firefighting and location of firefighting equipment) to its T.J.S. v1 Mine (I.D. No. 36-08255), T.J.S. v4 Mine (I.D. No. 36-08694), Darmac v3 Mine (36-08278), and Darmac v2 Mine (I.D. No. 36-08135) all located in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use two (2) fire extinguishers or one fire extinguisher of twice the required capacity at all temporary electrical installations instead of using 240 pounds of rock dust. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative

method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

**7. Excel Mining, LLC**

[Docket No. M-2000-164-C]

Excel Mining, LLC, HC 67 Box 615, Pilgrim, Kentucky 41250 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.701 (grounding metallic frames, casings, and other enclosures of electric equipment) to its Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-08413), and Mine No. 2 (I.D. No. 15-09571) located in Martin County, Kentucky, and Mine No. 3 (I.D. No. 15-08079) located in Pike County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a 480-volt, three-phase, 150-KW diesel-powered generator in its underground coal mines. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard. In subsequent correspondence, the petitioner has requested that this petition be withdrawn.

**8. Excel Mining, LLC**

[Docket No. M-2000-165-C]

Excel Mining, LLC, HC 67 Box 615, Pilgrim, Kentucky 41250 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.901 (protection of low- and medium-voltage three-phase circuits used underground) to its Mine No. 1 (I.D. No. 15-08413), and Mine No. 2 (I.D. No. 15-09571) located in Martin County, Kentucky, and Mine No. 3 (I.D. No. 15-08079) located in Pike County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use 480-volt, three-phase, 150-KW diesel-powered generator in its underground coal mines. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard. In subsequent correspondence, the petitioner has requested this petition be withdrawn.

**9. Straight Fork Mining, Inc.**

[Docket No. M-2000-166-C]

Straight Fork Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 249, Stanville, Kentucky 41659 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its Skullfork Mine (I.D. No. 15-18186) located in Knott County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use a permanently installed spring-loaded device on mobile battery-powered equipment to prevent unintentional loosening of battery plugs from battery receptacles instead of using padlocks. The petitioner asserts that the

proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 10. Big Ridge, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-167-C]

Big Ridge, Inc., 29 West Raymond Street, P.O. Box 444, Harrisburg, Illinois 62946 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1700 (oil and gas wells) to its Willow Lake Portal Mine (I.D. No. 11-03054) located in Saline County, Illinois. The petitioner proposes to plug oil and gas wells and then mine in close proximity or through the plugged wells using specific procedures outlined in this petition for modification. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 11. D & R Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-168-C]

D & R Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Barbourville, Kentucky 40906 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.342 (methane monitors) to its Mine #2 (I.D. No. 15-18261) located in Knox County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to use hand-held, continuous-duty methane and oxygen indicators on three-wheel tractors with drag bottom buckets instead of using machine-mounted monitors. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 12. D & R Coal Company, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-169-C]

D & R Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Barbourville, Kentucky 40906 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.380(f)(4)(i) (escapeways, bituminous and lignite mines) to its Mine #2 (I.D. No. 15-18261) located in Knox County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to install two five-pound or one ten-pound portable chemical fire extinguisher in the operator deck of each Mescher tractor. The fire extinguishers would be readily accessible to the equipment operator. The petitioner proposes to instruct the equipment operator to inspect each fire extinguisher daily before entering the mine, replace all defective fire extinguishers before entering the mine, and maintain records of all inspections of the fire extinguishers. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 13. Penn View Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2000-173-C]

Penn View Mining, Inc., R.D. #1, Box 260-D, Shelocta, Pennsylvania 15774 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1100-2(e)(2) (quantity and location of firefighting and location of firefighting equipment) to its and Penn View Mine (I.D. No. 36-08741) located in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use two (2) fire extinguishers or one fire extinguisher of twice the required capacity at all temporary electrical installations instead of using 240 pounds of rock dust. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

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### NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

#### Records Schedules for Electronic Copies Previously Covered by General Records Schedule 20; Availability and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. They authorize

the preservation of records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and the destruction, after a specified period, of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal.

This request for comments pertains solely to schedules for electronic copies of records created using word processing and electronic mail where the recordkeeping copies are already scheduled. (Electronic copies are records created using word processing or electronic mail software that remain in storage on the computer system after the recordkeeping copies are produced.)

These records were previously approved for disposal under General Records Schedule 20, Items 13 and 14. The agencies identified in this notice have submitted schedules pursuant to NARA Bulletin 99-04 to obtain separate disposition authority for the electronic copies associated with program records and administrative records not covered by the General Records Schedules. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a). To facilitate review of these schedules, their availability for comment is announced in **Federal Register** notices separate from those used for other records disposition schedules.

**DATES:** Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before May 25, 2001. On request, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. NARA staff usually prepare appraisal memorandums concerning a proposed schedule. These, too, may be requested. Requesters will be given 30 days to submit comments.

Some schedules submitted in accordance with NARA Bulletin 99-04 group records by program, function, or organizational element. These schedules do not include descriptions at the file series level, but, instead, provide citations to previously approved schedules or agency records disposition manuals (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice). To facilitate review of such disposition requests, previously approved schedules or manuals that are cited may be requested in addition to schedules for the electronic copies. NARA will provide the first 100 pages at no cost. NARA may charge \$.20 per page for additional copies. These materials also may be examined at no cost at the